# Executive Proclamation
# State of South Dakota
# Office of the Governor

***Whereas***, A "cancer survivor" is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer - from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life, and there are 9.6 million cancer survivors in America; and,

***Whereas***, Since over 1.3 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year, increased access to quality cancer care, screening, and prevention, especially among minorities and the medically underserved, must be a top priority in our communities; and,

***Whereas***, The great state of South Dakota has an active, productive cancer survivor population, demonstrating that a cancer diagnosis is no longer an automatic death sentence; and,

***Whereas***, Communities all across North America and elsewhere will be celebrating life on Sunday, June 6, 2004, as part of the world's largest cancer survivor event; and,

***Whereas***, On behalf of the people of South Dakota, I salute all cancer survivors and those who support them:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2004, as

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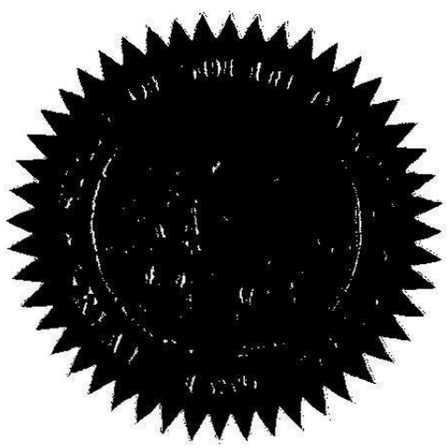
in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to join in this joyous celebration of life.



***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State